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Letter dated 26 February 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to bring to your attention General Assembly resolution 61/109, adopted by the Assembly on 14 December 2006. In paragraph 14 of the resolution, the Assembly invited those Member States that desired to join the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation to inform the President of the Assembly of their interest before 28 February 2007. Such requests are to be considered at the sixty-second session of the Assembly.

You may know that Ukraine is the country most seriously affected by the Chernobyl disaster. We are much interested therefore in close cooperation with the Committee in order to counter and minimize the consequences of the largest nuclear accident in the history of humanity, by using a common scientific understanding of its causes and nature.

Last year, the international conference on the theme "Twenty years after the Chernobyl accident: future outlook" was held in Ukraine. The conference concluded with a series of dedicated events and promoted the effective implementation of the accumulated international experience, in particular in the areas of radiation protection of the population and emergency workers and of medical and public health responses to radiation emergencies. At the same time, Ukraine has its own scientific potential and has accumulated databases on exploring and overcoming the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, which allow our State to contribute to international studies.

In that regard, the Government of Ukraine believes that its experience and knowledge would be a significant contribution to the activities of the Scientific Committee and, through its mechanisms, would better serve the interests of the peoples of the planet.

I would like to request that you inform all States Members of the United Nations of the interests of Ukraine in joining the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and make all necessary preparatory arrangements for the further consideration of the question of its membership on the Scientific Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Assembly resolution 61/109.

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